

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1165

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dorothy Peoples for her longtime dedication to the development of senior centers in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Peoples is one such laudable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Associate Director of Senior Neighbors, Ms. Peoples is wholly committed to the development and strengthening of senior centers in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy "Dot" Peoples began work at the Senior Neighbors of Chattanooga more than thirty years ago, quickly becoming an irreplaceable employee; and

WHEREAS, she quickly moved up the ranks from a Branch Coordinator to the first Title V Program Director; and

WHEREAS, intricately knowledgeable about all levels of the organization, Mrs. Peoples has filled nearly every role in a senior center, including being a Center Director before being selected as the Associate Director; and

WHEREAS, when funding was limited and programs had to be cut, Dot Peoples undertook additional responsibilities to fill the voids; and

WHEREAS, as an example of this generosity and dedication, Mrs. Peoples has recently been found shopping and preparing lunch for the Tenth and Newby Center of Senior Neighbors, and then washing dishes after lunch; she has taken over the role of programmer for this center since funding for the position was no longer available; and

WHEREAS, under her astute leadership, the Chattanooga Metropolitan Senior Games has grown to almost 400 participants in State Game qualifying years; Dot Peoples also sits on the State Board of Senior Games; and

WHEREAS, while at Senior Neighbors, Mrs. Peoples has been the Director of the Friendly Visitor Program and helped initiate the Intergenerational Program, one of the first programs of its kind in a senior center; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Peoples has served as President of the Tennessee Federation on the Aging; she has spent many days in our State's capital, garnering support for senior centers and the elderly citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she is also a prominent figure on the national scene for the development of senior centers; she is the Tennessee Delegate to the National Institute of Senior Centers and chaired the State Association Committee for the National Institute of Senior Centers; and

WHEREAS, she continues to dedicate countless hours on behalf of senior citizens and senior centers in Tennessee, and the state of Tennessee is privileged to have such a dedicated worker and supporter for the field of the aging; and

WHEREAS, a public spirited citizen of the highest order, Mrs. Peoples epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; her many contributions to the development of senior centers has produced immeasurable benefits, both tangible and intangible; and

WHEREAS, Dot Peoples is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize Dorothy Peoples for her unswerving commitment to the advancement of senior centers in Tennessee, thank her for her meritorious service to our state and nation, and extend our best wishes for every continued success in her future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

